

I am very worried about Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. Unfortunately, I have taken for granted that our publicly owned airwaves would be used responsibly by those we allow to access them. Sinclair's attempt to force local stations to air programming which is obviously politically biased presents a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

I have no idea where the program "Stolen Honor" was produced, or what group is behind its dissemination, but I am convinced that to present one-sided, politically-motivated programs without a counterbalance is inimical to our democratic values. I feel deeply wronged by the FCC's enabling of media giants like Sinclair to use our airwaves for their own purposes which do not equally benefit as many viewpoints from our society as possible.

It has become obvious to me that we cannot trust big business to act in the public interest. Of course this also makes clear the role that the FCC should be playing to protect that very same public interest. The only answer to these problems is to revisit the recent changes to media ownership rules to make sure that the interests of the American people are being placed in the first and foremost position, never to sit in the back of the big business bus again!

Thank you.